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COUNTY COURT.—(From the Record.)—
Wednesday.—H. Hein vs. Joseph Padgett—
unlawful detainer—verdict and judgment for
plaintiff.

Dean & Co., vs. Robinson & Co.—ir Chancery.—S. Ferguson Beach was appointed a Commissioner of sale in this case, in place of I. Louis Kinzer, dec'd.

Charlotte Jacobs vs. W. A. and L. B. Taylor, in Chancery—Leave granted the Sheriff to amend the return upon the subpœna in this

It was ordered that the Sheriff require from those having charge of the Alexandria Library, the delivery of sundry copies of the Code of Virginia and Mayo's Guide, the property of the County Court.

The Lynchburg Republican says:—"The Virginia Military Institute will soon again be under way at its old location in Lexington.—
The trustees of Washington College have generously tendered the lecture room of the college for the use of the cadets of the institute, and the citizens of Lexington have subscribed the handsome sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of building somfortable log cabins to be used as barracks. The necessary buildings will be completed by the 1st September next, and this useful and popular school will then be resumed.

Mest of Harper's Ferry, as have been selected by him to protect the Valley of the Shenan-doah against an advance of Federal troops in that direction, and has probably been reinforced by the troops that were recently sent from Petersburg to the north bank of the James River to meet Hancock's threatened attack. Some accounts say that no reinforcements have been received.

On Tuesday morning, Moseby, at the head of about two hundred and fifty men, is reported to have passed through Leesburg, Va., with a number of horses. About an hour afterwards thirty five more of his men passed the same locality and were met by some of the Federal cavalry, when a skirmish ensued, in which four of the Confederates were killed.—The rest galloped off.

On Tuesday the Guard Boat, off Alexandria, Adolph Hugel seized the long boat J. H. Smoot, of Washington, for violating the revenue laws, she having more articles on board than were specified on her manifest. She was towed up and turned over to the Prize Commissioners.

Citizens of Maryland have informed the U.

8. War Department that there was a considerable body of Confederate cayalry near Leesburg.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: "Whatever may be cause, the hearts of the people have been softened, and the bitterness which was carried by many even within the limits of the social circle, is much abated. The derisive sneer, the biting taunt, or the sharp retort, which according to the temperament of the individual marked every attempt to discuss even the gravest question of principle or public policy, are less frequently on the lip, and have given place to a willingness to hear without rebuke the views of others. Epithets may still appear profusely in the columns of partisan newspapers, but they do not furnish as they did, the chief reply to searching questions into the political future of the country. Criticism of the measures of those in power is not torbidden under the pretence that it weakens the government; and it is admitted on all sides that a man may desire a change of administration without being in the interest of the rebellion. The change has been very rapid within the last two weeks, and is not confined to any particular locality The people are everywhere talking together across the old party lines, and they no longer think it necessary to speak in whispers. It is not so much an angry, accusing spirit, as a desire to question and reason together."

The Washington Chronicle of this morning in its le ding editorial says: "The people are unquestionably disappointed at the failure of the first mine. They had been led to expect better things. We had read the most promising accounts of what was soon to happen, and public expectation was most hopefully roused. The first news, too, was of a brilliant success. How that success was marred the court of inquiry now in session will probably determine. We have met a loss of a month's work and of five thousand six hundred in killed, wounded and missing," but it says, "ere long an advancing army will scatter the harvesting troopers of Early, and hold not only the Shenandoah Valley, but Lynchburg and the enemy's communications with the Southwest. We regret the marauding excursion into Maryland. We deplore the unhappy losses of the good people of Chambersburg. We think that more energetic leadership might have spared us these misfortunes."

A skirmish has taken place near Cumberland between the Federal forces under Gen. Kelly, and a body of Confederates, under Bradley T. Johnson and McCausland. The latter are said to have been defeated with the loss of several caissons and a number of wagons laden with the spoils brought from Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday night at Peoria, Illinois, there was a great Peace mass meeting, at which twenty thousand persons were present. Resolutions were adopted in favor of an armistice and for the termination of the war. This was the commencement of the Peace campaign.

The special correspondent of the Washington Chronicle with the Army of the Potomac, in his letter dated on the 2d inst. gives a semi-official report of the Federal losses in the late repulse before Petersburg as follows:

He also states that a court of investigation is now sitting, Gen. Hancock presiding—which will "throw the responsibility of the failure on the right shoulders." This same correspondent already begins to talk of "some movements of importance going on" which, of course, he "will not refer to," but "they will be heard of ere long." In the afternoon of the 2d, he writes:—"Picket firing in front of the 9th corps has been kept up almost incessantly, with some shelling at intervals. The Confederates have been busy in repairing their lines. The exact amount of our losses in the action is now ascertained to be 5,640."

The news from Mexico, is to the 23d uitime. Skirmishing continued between the French and Mexicans. The Juarist forces, which were near Saltillo, had marched to Monterey. The French were to enter Durango on the third of July. The French Military code is to be used in Mexico for the present. The revesues have not paid expenses. The Bederals are reported to have abandoned Texas entirely, and to cave sold their materials of war to Juares and care retired. A gold dellar a day is paid to deserted ers from either of the American armise, by Certinas at Matamoras.

A letter to a Washington paper states that Gen. Early, with thirty thousand men, crossed the Potomac on Friday last, at Williamspert, and from that point sent a force of three boardred cavalry to Hagerstown, who, after a skirmish with Cole's cavalry, took possession of the town. They remained there till dark, and destroyed a train of care containing government stores, and some freight belonging to private parties, and returned to Williamsport.—On their return Gen. Early recrossed the river to Virginia, and now holds Martinsburg and the surrounding country.

According to the correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquire: at Frederick city, General Breckinridge has been called to Richmond by special orders, his corps being now commanded by General Ransom. Gen. Bradley T. Johnson is said to have succeeded Ransom in command of the Confederate cavalry, Imboden's men forming an independent organization.

Several persons were baptised this morning, at the usual baptizing place, at the south end of this city.